

SENATE BILL 1297

By Ford, O.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 3, Part 3, relative to education finance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-356, is amended by adding after the first sentence the following sentence:

Instruction of English language learners shall not be included in the Tennessee BEP formula as an instructional positions component, but shall be included in the formula as a classroom component.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated sections:

Section 49-3-3\_\_\_. In fiscal year 2007-2008 and thereafter, there shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to fund one (1) full-time English language learner instructional position for each twenty (20) students who are English language learners and one (1) full-time translator for each two hundred (200) students who are English language learners.

Section 49-3-3\_\_\_. Beginning with the 2007-2008 fiscal year and in each of the next four (4) fiscal years thereafter, there shall be included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to increase the percentage of at-risk students funded by twelve and three-tenths percent (12.3%) per year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.